

Hot Issues

Notice for California Bird Owners

Due to the presence of exotic Newcastle disease (END) in California, no birds, bird products, and END-exposed materials or means of conveyance will be moved from a Federal quarantine area without a permit. To get a permit there must be a risk assessment that assures that any movement will not present a risk of moving the END agent from the quarantine zone and exposing susceptible species. Risk assessments will be completed within 72 hours of the request. The Federal quarantine zone in California includes Imperial, Las Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura counties. For more information call the California END hotline at 1-800-491-1899.

NOTE: If other areas become affected with END, APHIS will apply the same strategy as is applied within the state of California. Questions about commercial permits can also be directed to the Federal government at 1-800-601-9327.



For More Information

California END Hotline
800-491-1899

To contact APHIS
Veterinary Services'
Emergency Program Staff,
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800-940-6524 or email
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